

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Crump et al. CONFIRMATION NO. 1741
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TITLE: Central Control of Multiple Address Domains within a Router

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Affidavit

Richard H. Crump, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a co-inventor of Claims 1-20 as originally filed in the patent application identified above, and of Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, and 12 as now pending in the patent application, and am an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed the patent application.
2. Prior to March 20, 2001, I had completed the invention, as described and claimed in the subject application, in this country, a NAFTA country, or a WTO country, as evidenced by the following:
 - a. Prior to May 12, 2000, I participated in the completion of Chapter Eight, titled "VPN Manager," of a document titled "MPLS VPN Functional Specification (Exhibit A), dated May 12, 2000. This document shows us to have possession of the idea of a router that efficiently connects to multiple address domains by maintaining separate, domain-specific routing tables for a plurality of domains on or before May 12, 2000.

- b. I participated in the production of a Nortel Networks Invention Disclosure, dated September 26, 2000, which describes the above-identified router (Exhibit B).
- c. I participated in the production of a second Nortel Networks Invention Disclosure, dated September 28, 2000, which describes the above-identified router (Exhibit C).
- d. On or before October 12, 2000, at least one of the above-identified Invention Disclosures was submitted to the Nortel Networks legal department.
- e. Nortel Networks legal department acknowledged receipt of the Nortel Networks Invention Disclosure and assigned the Disclosure a Disclosure No. in an Invention Disclosure Submission Reply (Exhibit D), dated October 12, 2000.
- f. Nortel Networks authorized the preparation and filing of the present patent application.
- g. The present patent application was filed on December 28, 2001.

3. Each of the dates of the documents in Exhibits A, B, C, and D is prior to March 20, 2001.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex County,

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 10th day of May, 2002.

Personally appeared Richard H. Crump,
who proved to me by satisfactory evidence of
identification (a Mass. drivers license) and swore
that the contents of this document are
true and accurate to the best of
his knowledge and belief.


Richard H. Crump


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